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SEAGOING SANTA:

There were a lot of customers for Santa at the National Maritime Union Auxiliary's Christmas party for kids at Manhattan Center Saturday afternoon. Santa, er—, Mrs. Santa was played by Loretta Postek, secretary of the auxiliary. Arrangements were made by Elsie Spenser, auxiliary president. (other picture page two.)

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

WORLD EVENTS

Street Battles Rage in Hanoi

The French Government proclaimed martial law throughout Northern Indo-China today and decreed extraordinary precautions in the Saigon area in the south, according to United Press.

The proclamation of martial law for Tonkin and northern Annam Province was broadcast by loudspeakers in the Tonkin capital of Hanoi where French tanks and infantry were battling to recapture major buildings from Viet Nam forces in the center of the city.

"Any man not in uniform found carrying arms or with arms in his possession will be shot," the broadcasts warned. "Any house not displaying the white flag will be searched. Any house from which shots are fired will be attacked."

Reports from Hanoi said French forces recaptured the Pasteur Institute and Yersin Hospital Saturday after they were in Viet Nam

hands for two days and now were attempting to drive the Viet Namese out of the Hanoi City Hall and communications headquarters.

These reports said the main French force, including armor and infantry, was driving along the Rue Coton, one of the main thoroughfares in the northern section of the city, to oust Annamites still fighting there.

Other French forces were using mortars and planes to blast Viet Nam troops out of the old blockhouse of the Indo-Chinese guard in Hanoi, which had been transformed into a strong point.

French Premier Leon Blum, reporting to the National Assembly in Paris said that as of 2 p.m. (9 a.m., EST), reinforcements from Haiphong, main port 50 miles east of Hanoi, were being rushed to the capital.

Blum said the French and Chinese quarters of Hanoi were in French hands but the center of the city "is not yet at our disposition." Traffic from Hanoi to the airport has been re-established, he said.

Reporting on other cities, Blum said the French quarter of Hue, on the coast 175 miles southeast of Hanoi, was in French hands but security in the city was not yet complete.

Tourane, 225 miles southeast of Hanoi, is in French hands but the airfield is not, Blum said. Last reports from Indo-China said the airfield still was in French hands, indicating it may have been lost temporarily during the last 24 hours.

Blum announced that French Gen. Philippe Leclerc, former commander of the French Second Armored Division which liberated Paris during the Battle of France, would leave for Indo-China on Wednesday.

Other Annamite forces of the Viet Nam Republic opened a heavy assault on Bac Ninh, 20 miles north-east of Hanoi, but no details were available.

The Paris evening newspaper Paris Presse said in a dispatch from Toulon that the 10,000-ton French cruiser Duquesne had left for Indo-China Saturday carrying 575 soldiers and 30 officers and 30 officers of a colonial unit from Frejus to reinforce the troops in northern Indo-China.

Says Yugoslavs Grateful for Aid

An eyewitness account of conditions in Yugoslavia and direct appreciation to the U.S. for help extended to that Hitler-ravaged land was given to the press yesterday by Zlatko Balokovic, president of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

Just back from a two-month tour of his native country, Balokovic stated:

"During the war, the people of Yugoslavia established so great a reservoir of respect and admiration for the people of the United States that not even the undeserved attacks upon them and their government of recent months have destroyed it."

The Yugoslav relief representative asked the American people not to be misled "by propaganda concerning the alleged persecution of the church. The Yugoslav people were and are deeply religious," he declared. "Religious services today are held freely in all parts of the country and churches are crowded."

Balokovic described Yugoslavia as a "young country, led in large part by young men and women. . . . Heading the country is Marshal Tito—a man beloved by his people in the very same sense that the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt was beloved by the people of the United States," he said.



Carolers: Children of all nationalities, whose fathers are NMU members, sing carols at the union auxiliary's Christmas party for youngsters. —Daily Worker Photo by Peter

British Labor M.P.s Ask Deeds, Not Just Words from Bevin

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's foreign policy speech and report on the Big Four meeting in New York did not succeed in appeasing the group of Labor rebels in Parliament, a United Press survey showed yesterday.

Rebel leaders generally expressed cautious approval, but withheld their promise of blanket support until there is more evidence that Britain actually is steering a course of equal cooperation with Russia and the United States.

They regarded the speech as frankly conciliatory toward Labor Party members who have criticized Bevin for aligning Britain behind

America in a "get-tough-with-Russia" policy.

Critics of Bevin within the Labor Party said his definition of Socialist Britain's policy as finding "an approximation of ideas between the great powers" and establishing harmony among them was what they had been advocating right along.

Kenni Zilliacus, a leader of the rebel group in Commons, said "insofar as we move along on these

lines we fully support the government. But we will not take words for deeds."

R. H. S. Crossman, who led last month's abortive revolt in Commons against Bevin's foreign policy, could not be reached for comment, but other members of the group, which numbers about 50, generally agreed with Zilliacus.

The News Chronicle said Bevin will ask for a vote of confidence after Commons reconvenes Jan. 21 and before he goes to Moscow for the Big Four discussion of the German peace treaty.

Zilliacus said as matters stood now he believed he and most of his associates in the rebel group would either vote against Bevin or abstain if it came to a showdown.

"We are not handing out blank checks until we get more evidence that the government actually is following a policy of equal cooperation with the United States and with Russia," he said.

Zilliacus said the government has yet to reconcile its avowed policy with the Anglo-American military talks in Washington which he charged were designed for a possible war with Russia.

The London Daily Worker, commenting on Bevin's talk, delivered over the radio Sunday, said "a serious facing up to the issues in dispute still is awaited."



7 OIL UNION HEADS RELEASED IN MEXICO

PRESIDENT ALEMAN of Mexico ordered the release of seven leaders arrested as a result of the recent 24-hour oil stoppage in the government-owned industry. The President ordered "subversive activities" charges against the strike leaders dropped. However, Jorge R. Ortega, secretary general of the Petroleum Workers Union said another strike may be called soon. The government has denied

the workers have the right to strike.

THE FRENCH foreign office announced 1,200 customs guards along the Saar border in Germany were posted to prevent food supplies from filtering into the black market. Officials denied the move was undertaken to force the hand of the Big Four for the economic attachment of the coal basin to France.

THE EDITORS of Italy's two anti-clerical papers were sentenced to two years in prison by a Rome penal court for insulting the state religion. Socialist newspapers compared this action with the slow progress of legal action against fascists and war criminals.

THE WORLD ZIONIST political commission approved a resolution condemning violence in Palestine and criticizing the Stern group and Irgun Zvai Leumi.

THE GREEK army ammunition ship Syra struck a mine and sank 36 miles east of Larissa.

THE INDIAN constituent assembly adjourned after adopting rules of procedure.

BRITISH foreign office spokesmen said Britain's ambassador in Moscow has expressed disagreement with Soviet proposals to Turkey for joint administration of the Dardanelles, Soviet outlet from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.

Caught in an Earthquake

The following is the first eyewitness account of the actual earthquake and flood from the ravaged island of Shikoku as told by Asahis Mugi, a resident of an east coastal town.

By Asahis Mugi

As Told to United Press

TOKYO, Dec. 23.—I was sleeping in my second story room on Saturday morning when I was awakened by a strong shaking which I immediately knew was an earthquake. I turned on a light, but it went out again.

I took a cushion and held it over my head for protection and started to run downstairs. The house was shaking so violently that I fell down three times.

When I finally reached the street the first thing I noticed was a red glow in the foothills of the Kishu Mountains. When I later mentioned this, local fishermen said they too saw the strange

glow as if the mountains were afire.

The earth was still trembling so violently that I was forced to

Rescuers Struggle To Reach Quake Area

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—U. S. Army and Japanese rescue teams struggled by sea and land today to reach devastated areas of Honshu and Shikoku islands still isolated by earthquake and tidal wave wreckage blocking roads.

Latest casualty figures compiled from American, British and Japanese agencies listed 960 persons known dead, 63 missing and 1,431 injured. The Japanese Kyodo News agency said the number of dead was "expected to top the 2,000 mark."

grab a stone pillar to stay upright.

Suddenly from toward the sea I

heard shouts and screams followed by a roar like thunder. I looked around and saw a crowd of people running toward me and behind them I saw a dark mass which I realized was a huge rushing wave.

I began running with the crowd and I remember hearing cries as the wave overtook people in the rear. I recall one voice especially, that of a young girl screaming "father."

I fell twice, but got up as fast as I could because I feared being stamped to death by the others.

When I reached the hill I stumbled upward in the dark grabbing at bushes and trees. The wave crashed against the foot of the hill, but I was out of its reach.

Later all of the town's survivors camped on the hill. Some of us found dry wood and started fires in the temple grounds. Some went back to town looking for missing members of their families.

British UN Delegates Hit by Own Unionists

LONDON, Dec. 23 (ALN).—British representatives to the United Nations general assembly meeting will be brought under sharp attack for their "disgraceful and scandalous" behavior by members of the British Trades Union Congress delegation who attended the UN sessions and have just returned here.

The three-man delegation consists of president Bill Lawther of the National Union of Mine Workers; H. C. Bullock, a representative of Bevin's own Transport and General Workers Union; and Herbert Tracey, TUC publicity chief. The report which they will issue soon is expected to provide powerful support for Labor MPs who have become increasingly disturbed over the present British foreign policy.

Asked for their comments on the alleged secret military agreement between Britain and the U. S., the unionists declared they are extremely suspicious of the decision.

LABOR and the NATION

Oil Smells Up Dairen 'Incident;' Navy Ship Ferries Standard Official

By Joseph Clark

An amazing story of how Standard Oil used the United States Navy as its private ferry service and how naval and consular officials used their high office to promote the business of Standard-Vacuum Co. was revealed yesterday. Efforts of the Navy and our consulate in Dairen,

Minneapolis AFL to Boycott Bias Building

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23. — The AFL Central Labor Union of this city announced that it will "stand squarely behind" the decision of its board of business agents to boycott construction of housing barred to people on racial or religious grounds.

The announcement was made by CLU president George P. Phillips, following earlier adoption of the resolution by the AFL's board of business agents.

Many private housing developments in or around this city contain restrictions prohibiting sale to Negroes or Jews.

The resolution came before the AFL business agents on proposal of George Murk, president of the Musicians. He also recommended the AFL protest GI loans for housing construction on a restricted basis.

'Portal' Judge Bewildered by Union Pay Suits

Judge Frank A. Picard of Saginaw, Mich., who tried the original non-mining "portal-to-portal" case, expressed bewilderment today that his precedent should have brought down suits from unions for billions of dollars—worth of unpaid wages.

Picard decided in favor of a CIO union in 1942 holding that employees of the Mount Clements Pottery Co. were unpaid for 23 minutes a day, the time they spent getting to and from their place of work on company property.

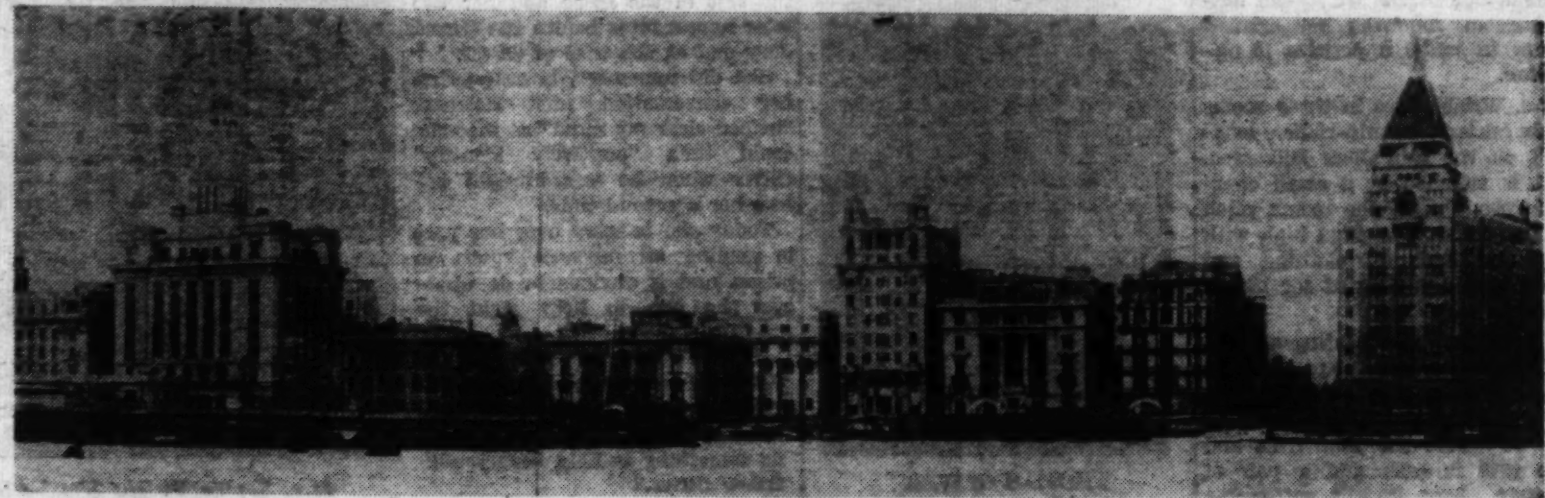
His case wasn't even known as a "portal-to-portal" case when he had it, said the judge. But the ultimate Supreme Court's validation of his decision is the base upon which the United Automobile Workers has filed for unpaid half billion in wages from the Ford Motor Co. alone. At least that much is claimed in suits being filed against General Motors and other companies.

The CIO's Oil Workers entered the back-pay drive with a suit against the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.

Attorney Edward Lamb of the UAW, who tried the original Mount Clements Pottery case, warned the unions against naming any specific sums when filing suit and called attention to statutes of limitations in various states.

Manchuria, to disembark Jesse L. Poole, representing Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., created an international incident in the Chinese port, which is under Russian harbor control according to the terms of Russo-Chinese treaty.

Before relating the results of the Daily Worker investigation of collusion between the



The Shanghai Bund, from which Standard Oil and Jesse L. Poole direct Far Eastern operations.

Rockefeller trust, the Navy and State Department—these were the facts distributed for the combined press by UP yesterday. On Dec. 18 the LC-3 1090, a small vessel ordinarily used to land infantry, arrived at Dairen. The ship's officers asked permission to remain in port for 48 hours. This was granted without question by Soviet authorities who met the ship at anchorage. After the 48 hour period passed, and two more hours

besides, the ship was still in the harbor. At this point the U. S. consul-general H. Merrill Benninghoff was demanding that Jesse L. Poole, who was aboard the Navy craft, be permitted to go ashore.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

This was refused and the Soviet authorities ordered the ship to leave the harbor.

In addition to the Standard-Vacuum representative, the consulate sought to disembark two American newspaper correspondents. These correspondents were given special permission to take passage on the naval vessel by Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Jr., commander of the seventh fleet.

While the afternoon newspapers, from Hearst through the "liberal" N. Y. Post, were putting out sensational stories about ultimatums and international friction—the Daily Worker called the Standard Vacuum Oil Co. in New York. This firm was established by Standard Oil of New Jersey and Socony-Vacuum in 1933 as a subsidiary for marketing and storage facilities abroad, with special emphasis on China.

The office of Socony-Vacuum referred us to Standard Vacuum. We inquired about Mr. Poole and on the authority of high company officials were informed he is the company's representative in Shanghai.

What was Mr. Poole doing in Dairen aboard a U. S. Naval vessel, we asked?

At that point we were referred to David F. Davis of Standard Vacuum. Mr. Davis wasn't in and his secretary told us she would call us back. She did, to report Mr. Davis was not in. However, she had been in touch with him, she said, and



told him about the Daily Worker inquiry. Mr. Davis had not heard of the incident—but had hastened to get the afternoon papers, his secretary told us. Then she gave us Mr. Davis' home telephone.

That's where we finally contacted Mr. Davis.

"Our representatives abroad," he told us, "are trying to resume normal operations." However, he assured us, "I have no knowledge of Mr. Poole's mission."

What interests does your firm have in Dairen? we asked.

"Before the war, that was an oil terminal, used for storage," he replied. Standard Vacuum had considerable investments there, Mr. Davis explained.

Would Standard's Far Eastern

representative act without the knowledge of your New York office?

Davis explained that their representatives were given considerable leeway to act on their own initiative, so he couldn't say what he was doing on a Navy ship and how he became the central figure in an international incident.

"We'll have to depend on the State Department for further information on this matter," Davis stated.

ASK QUESTION

At the start of our investigations, we instructed our Washington office to ask the Navy and State Departments:

"Is it common practice for the United States Navy to carry American business men around the world? What was the LC-3 1090 doing in Dairen? What was Mr. Poole's mission? What word is there for the American people about the use of America's navy for the benefit of Standard Oil?"

Inquiries at both the Navy and State Department brought the following reply:

We don't know anything about the Dairen incident. We are waiting for an official report from China which may take a couple of days.

Yes, the Navy spokesman said, ships carry business men in special cases. Suggest you try Socony-Vacuum office in your city.

While waiting for Standard Vacuum and the U.S. government to explain themselves—these facts were uncovered by the Daily Worker.

Standard Vacuum, as the special agency of the Standard Oil interests abroad, had been working toward a monopoly of the Chinese market before the war. The firm became especially interested in Manchuria where the Japanese had established a synthetic oil industry.

Despite Japanese synthetic oil production, Standard was not at all loath to sell its oil to Japan—not for the lamps of China—but for the machines of war which devastated the Chinese land.

This tieup with Japan was not strange for the corporation which

was also linked with the I.G. Farben Industrie of Germany—and whose joint patents benefitted the Hitler war machine while depriving the American people of techniques for producing synthetic rubber and other products.

OIL TRAIL

And this was where the trail of oil led us to Edwin Pauley who recently waxed very wroth about Russian removal of Japanese industries from Manchuria. As representative for the big oil interests of California, Pauley was very much concerned about these synthetic oil interests in Manchuria.

Incidentally, this is the same Pauley who admitted sales of oil to Japan. He is the man former Secretary of Interior Ickes charged with offering \$300,000 to the Democratic campaign fund if the administration stopped its suit to recover the California Tidelands oil for America and not for Standard Oil, and Mr. Pauley's own Petrol Corporation of California.

The tieup between Pauley and Standard Oil interests was revealed by Harry March's testimony during the battle to confirm Pauley as Under Secretary of the Navy last February.

March, an associate of Pauley, was vice president of Signal Oil and Gas Co., which is affiliated with Standard Oil of California. March testified \$200,000 was contributed by Standard Oil to a campaign fund in the California oil battle in which he and Pauley were leaders on the side of the big companies in 1939.

Pauley is worried about Manchuria. So is Standard Vacuum. So is the U.S. Navy. So is the U.S. State Department. For that matter—so are the American people.

But Standard Oil, the Navy, the State Department and Pauley are interested in Manchuria only from the point of view of the business and profits of private monopolists in this country.

The oil billionaires are using the Navy and the State Department as their direct business agents.

They have already created an international incident and now jeopardize America's good relations with her allies.

Obituary

By Alan Max

"Of the dead say nothing but good." And so of Tamadge we dare say nothing but good . . . good riddance.

Woman Who 'Identified' Negro Youth Tells How Cops Pressured Her

By Arnold Sroog

The woman who "identified" Thomas Oliver and caused the teenage Negro to be sent to jail for 14½ months for a crime he never committed yesterday confirmed the youth's charges of improper police actions in securing the "identification."

Interviewed by the Daily Worker at her home at 428 W. 53 St., Mrs. Sophia Wright, 71-year-old victim

named Detective William Holzherr as the man who "helped" her identify Oliver. Mrs. Wright, a sick Negro woman living in horrible poverty, confirmed Oliver's charge that Holzherr remained alone with her in the hospital room following her original failure to make a positive identification.

Mrs. Wright lives in three rooms in an ancient, vermin-ridden tenement in the San Juan Hill area. Heat is supplied by a small charcoal stove. One of the rooms, pitch dark at midday, is piled high with odds and ends of clothing and knickknacks accumulated for half a century.

The robbery and beating of Mrs. Wright occurred at 2 a.m., Oct. 22, 1945, when two youths broke into her apartment at 430 W. 53 St., next door to where she now lives and stole \$305 in cash and a pair of earrings. Mrs. Wright suffered a broken jaw and lacerations of the left eye, which later resulted in its removal.

The police arrested two youths, Eddie Lee Wilbur, 20, now serving a 10-15 year sentence at Auburn State Prison and Oliver.

Oliver received the same sentence on the basis of the "positive identification" made by Mrs. Wright and served 14½ months before he was able to clear himself. Actual criminal was James Walter Campbell, 24, who was arrested here Dec. 2 of this year by Detective Holzherr. Oliver's dogged fight for freedom caused Wilbur to confess all the details of the crime while in jail and implicate Campbell.

Even after she identified Oliver as her attacker Mrs. Wright had doubts, although she never mentioned them, she said.

"I knew that the other fellow was taller and darker than Oliver," she said.

Mrs. Wright refused to divulge, however, why she kept her doubts to herself and allowed an innocent youth to be railroaded to prison. Questioned as to whether the police or the district attorney's office had attempted to influence her in maintaining her identification, Mrs.



THOMAS OLIVER
Railroaded

Wright pleaded that she did not remember.

Mrs. Wright's version of the scene at which she identified Oliver coincides in all details with his account.

The sinister role in the short drama enacted in the ward at Welfare Hospital was played by Detective Holzherr. According to Mrs. Wright, Holzherr introduced Oliver, who was brought in handcuffed to another detective, by saying to her "I have one of the boys," thus definitely naming the youth as the criminal.

Mrs. Wright stressed that she felt she was in no condition to positively identify anyone, as she had been badly beaten only 48 hours earlier and her vision was impaired in her left eye. In fact, Mrs. Wright's vision in her good eye is

none too strong. When Holzherr first asked her if Oliver was the one who attacked her, Mrs. Wright said he "looked" like the one.

This answer dissatisfied Holzherr and he had Oliver removed from the room while he remained to talk with Mrs. Wright. Questioned as to what Holzherr said to her then, Mrs. Wright claimed that she could not remember, although she had no difficulty in reconstructing the rest of the scene and her two later appearances before the Grand Jury and at the trial of Oliver.

She did remember, however, that her conversation with Holzherr "helped clear my mind" so that she could then "positively identify" Oliver when he was brought before her a second time.

Today she is sorry over her part in sending an innocent youth to prison and is anxious to do whatever she can to help right the wrong to Oliver.

"I feel sorry for my part in doing this wrong thing," she said. "I don't know much about law, but I think the government should do something to help that young fellow Oliver."



Mrs. Sophia Wright Sits by her stove.

Photo by Art

The Portal-to-Portal Pay Issue

Behind the avalanche of "portal-to-portal" law suit now coming down upon courts from coast to coast, is one suit filed in Birmingham, Ala., in 1940 by 5,000 Red Ore miners of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The case was against U. S. Steel's Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.

Few even knew of the suit. But President Reid Robinson of the IUMMSW, and CIO President Philip Murray got behind it with the best legal attention they could muster. The CIO won and another historic gain was made for American labor. The 40-hour week was held to 40 hours.

When the U. S. Supreme Court finally ruled in favor of the union in 1943, the law was as follows: The time a worker spends traveling to his actual place of work in the mines is time which the employer requires him to spend, and must be paid for. Under the Wage-Hour Act the legal workweek limit is 40 hours, hence all the unpaid traveling time was not only unpaid, but was overtime and should be paid for at a time and a half.

When the Birmingham case was settled, U. S. Steel came across with back-pay settlements covering the period from 1938, when the Wage-Hour Act went into effect, until 1943.

The Wage-Hour division of the

Department of Labor had warned employers as far back as 1940, when the first suit was filed, that they might be in for some big back bills if they didn't protect themselves.

John L. Lewis was still president of the CIO when the first court steps were taken by the IUMMSW. But, far from stepping in to help the union, he ordered coal mine union's legal department to stay out of the case.

It was only in 1943, after the Supreme Court's ruling, that Lewis demanded the operators comply with the "law of the land."

Then came the war-production-crippling coal strikes of 1943 which got nothing for the miners but longer work hours. A court, meanwhile, reaffirmed the earlier "portal-to-portal" ruling in a coal case. But, instead of collecting back pay retroactive to 1938 (six years) for an average of 43 minutes a day (average finally settled for) Lewis settled for a token payment of \$40 to each miner.

Instead of recognizing the help his miners received in the prece-

dent won by the IUMMSW and the CIO, Lewis and his stooges rebaited Reid Robinson and his union, and denounced Murray as a "prisoner" of the Communists. The reactionary press of the country helped Lewis by describing him as the winner of portal-to-portal.

But there was still the job of establishing "portal-to-portal" or "gate-to-gate" in a non-mining case. In mines the issue was simple. The miner must report at a certain time at the mine's opening where a shaft takes him down to underground transportation. He may spend as much as an hour a day and more, getting to and from the "face" of the mine.

The recent Supreme Court decision, in the Mount Clemens Pottery Co. case started by a CIO local, was the first non-mining ruling to establish that all the time a worker spends on company property by requirement of his employer to get to his actual place of work or the time clock, is time that must be paid.

This is a big issue in the large sprawling plants, like those in the steel, automobile, electrical and machine manufacturing, shipyards, and other industries. In effect, the legal eight-hour day is stretched to 8½ hours or more a day. In the pottery case the court found 28 minutes a day unpaid.

The Dow Jones Chemical Co., of Bay City, Mich., hastened to settle out of court with the local of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) by plunking down \$100 as a down payment for each of the 4,000 who worked for it in wartime, and the rest to come when the amount is computed. That company's Midland, Mich., plant settled with United Mine Workers Dist. 50 to the tune of \$4,660,000.

Estimates place the possible nationwide retroactive liability as high as \$6,000,000,000. But how much of that workers will really collect depends on a number of circumstances.

Every Dog Has His Xmas Day—in Philly

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—A dog's life is pretty good in the City of Brotherly Love these days—especially this Christmas.

"There's hardly a stray around," officials at the city dog pound said today. "Everyone wants dogs and puppies for presents and we have none available."



DEADLINE

for all advertising for Thursday and Sunday

is

Tuesday Noon

THIS XMAS . . . GIVE RECORDS

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129 WEST 44th ST., N. Y. C.

Thanks for Nothing, Kelly

(Below is the copy of a letter sent to the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, by a former employee.)

Dear Baldwin Locomotive:

In today's mail I received a very beautiful Xmas card, embossed in the best of printers' craftsmanship and colored in several tints. It is truly a beautiful piece of work. It is signed on the inside by Ralph Kelly, president of the Baldwin Locomotive works, and the chairman of the board who represents the Morgan interests: "With best wishes," etc.

A picture complete of happy families of kissing babies and sweethearts amongst a glorious maze of Christmas trees lighted with bright lights and bundles of presents, it depicts a glorious scene.

Yes and in the background is a handsome Baldwin locomotive just removed from its package. This is no doubt a suggestion for a gift to the many

railroad presidents who received the card from you. Democracy in action, you might say, linking me, a poor, former worker with the railroad moguls.

Thanks, Mr. Kelly, I am unable to send you a card in return as I am waiting for my weekly check from the unemployment compensation department. You see, I was one of the more than 7,000 men who you fired about two months before Xmas. We all helped to make the colorful locomotive that is in the picture, but even while we were working hard on the job we didn't get enough money to enjoy a ride in one except for the dinky local that took us to work.

It is nice of you to send such a dream of a picture of happiness and joy, Mr. Kelly, you who enjoys such a fabulous salary. But don't you think that a more appropriate gift to us who were fired about the first of November, 'as just ordinary working men, would be the means to buy a bowl of soup for ourselves and family? GEORGE GARST.

NEW YORK

CITY COUNCIL DEMANDS
LEGISLATURE FREEZE RENTS

The City Council unanimously adopted a resolution introduced yesterday by vice-chairman Joseph T. Sharkey for the Democratic majority calling on the state legislature to freeze rent ceilings.

The resolution warned of the possibility "that the attitude of the members of the new Congress" may be to remove every vestige of the OPA, including rent ceilings, and that such an act "would affect the majority of the tenants adversely" in New York City.

Since there is no provision in the law which permits the City Council to effectively legislate rent ceilings in New York, the resolution was in effect a mandate by the people of New York on Governor Dewey to safeguard the present rent control law.

The Council, in adopting the resolution, called for "freezing rent ceilings and providing effective enforcement in our court system, including the eradication of the trickery and the vices used to circumvent the principle of the law." This was seen as a sharp rebuke to Gov. Dewey for his "emergency" measure taken last June when the government suspended OPA regulations.

Disaster Neighbors Win
Promise of City Action

While bereaved relatives and neighbors attended the funeral of Felice Corado, Amsterdam Ave. tenement disaster victim yesterday, a grim-faced delegation of 15 tenants from four adjacent buildings was on its way to City Hall.

The delegation crowded into Building Commissioner Thomas Saxl's office, accompanied by Councilman Ben Davis. The tenants, in frate voices, demanded of Saxl:

"Do we have to wait for another

such horror for action to be taken?"

One Italian mother cried: "Our sons who fought in the war—is this what they come home to?"

Saxl sized up the delegation and promised to take immediate steps. A special group of inspectors would be detailed to investigate the houses within 10 days, he said. Meanwhile, notice will be served on landlords to correct all existing violations. If they refuse to act immediately, he said, they will be hauled into court.

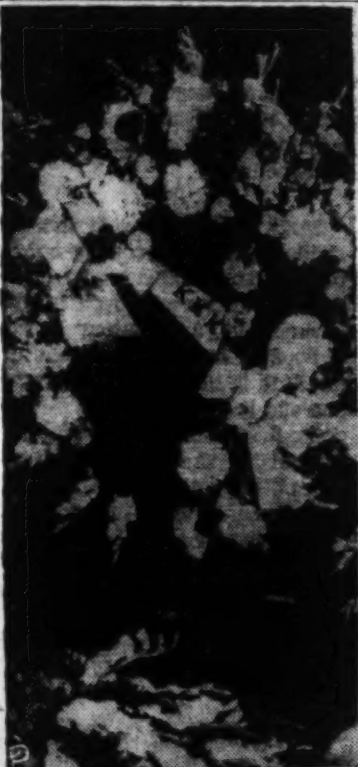
"I'm not just going to send them a routine letter," he said. "When they hear from me, they'll know I mean business."

Asked if landlords could evict any tenant for taking action on violations, Saxl said "absolutely not." He said tenants could withhold their rent from the landlords until violations are repaired.

The delegation filed out of the office by the assurance of immediate action.

"It shows you," commented one young woman, "when you do things together, they get done."

Action, however, will not stop here. The delegation plans to organize all tenants on the block to join with the housing movement in Washington Heights to see that causes of disaster are removed—from the basement up.



KU KLUX KLAN's wreath stands near the casket of Eugene Talmadge, white supremacist Kluxer who died Saturday. Talmadge was buried yesterday at McRay, Ga.

Council Asks Action
To End College Bias

By Michael Singer

The City Council yesterday adopted a report asking cancellation of tax-exemptions for colleges practicing discrimination and laws forbidding educational institutions from asking applicants concerning race or religion. The report was presented by special investigating committee on discrimination against students of minority faiths and creeds in local medical and dental schools.

Leading medical colleges in New York turned their admission records to cover up discrimination against Jewish, Negro and Italian-American applicants, the report revealed.

The 81-page document, written after a four-month probe was released by chairman of the committee, Councilman Walter R. Hart.

It reveals that not a single graduate of the College of the City of New York has been admitted to the Cornell Medical School in "six of the past 10 years." In the other years, a total of nine CCNY grads have been admitted.

Similar evidence was uncovered in the medical schools of Columbia, New York University, Long Island Medical College and the New York Homeopathic Medical College (Flower Hospital).

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis praised the committee's report as "of first rate importance."

However, the Communist councilman felt it did not go far enough.

"I think a local law should be enacted making it a misdemeanor for any institution of higher learning to deny admission because of race color or creed," Davis declared.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee called on the state to forbid any institution from asking applicants for information concerning their religion or racial origin. It urged creation of a state university to include a medical and dental college. It proposed cancellation of tax-exemption for schools guilty of discrimination and revocation of city contracts permitting such schools to use facilities of city hospitals.

The committee also called on the City Council to ask that Gov. Dewey, in his legislative message on Jan. 8, request such legislation.

On Oct. 8, 1946, Councilman Hart, who also acted as counsel for the committee, questioned Dr. Dayton Edwards, who had been

assistant Dean and Chairman of the Admissions Committee of the Cornell University School of Medicine since 1936, and found its admission records had been destroyed.

Concerning this the report makes the following summation:

"The act of intentionally destroying evidence has always been regarded with suspicion. It is a circumstance indicating a weak cause. . . . The records in this case were relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry and, under the decisions hereinbefore cited, the presumption arises that their contents were unfavorable to those destroying them."

A similar effort to obtain the records of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons uncovered from Dean Dr. Willard C. Rappelye equally damaging admissions.

The committee investigated the number of college graduates from New York City admitted to Cornell and Columbia medical schools each year to determine whether such admissions had increased or decreased since 1920.

The examination showed:

• In six of the past 10 years not a single graduate of the College of the City of New York was admitted to Cornell University School of Medicine, and, in the remaining four years, a total of nine were admitted.

• Not a single graduate of Hunter College has been admitted to Cornell University School of Medicine since 1924.

• Not a single graduate of Brooklyn College was admitted to the Cornell Medical School prior to 1945. In that year only one was admitted.

• During the past 10 years, the Cornell institution accepted 301 students, of whom only 11 were from city colleges, an average of 14 percent.

98 STUDENTS

"It is significant to note," the report declares, "that in 1920, out of 14 acceptances 22 or 56 percent were graduated from city colleges."

In 1920 the Columbia medical school admitted 98 students, 14 of

them local graduates or 14.3 percent. In 1928, 1932, 1933, 1937, 1939 and 1940, not a single graduate of any of the city colleges was among those accepted.

In 1929, 1930, 1931, 1935 and 1938 only one graduate of a city college was accepted out of nearly 110 students admitted in each of these years. This is an average of less than one percent.

The Long Island College of Medicine, the New York University School of Medicine and the New York Homeopathic Medical College (Flower Hospital) all boast similar records.

The committee, which received \$20,000 from the Board of Estimate to conduct its investigation last Sept. 19, was created after resolutions denouncing school bias and insisting on the steps recommended by the Mayor's Committee on Unity had been introduced by Communist Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cacchione. Similar demands in the Council had been made by Stanley M. Isaacs and Eugene P. Connolly.

It was Connolly's resolution calling for a probe of Columbia medical school and a suit to cancel that college's tax privileges by Stephen S. Wise of the American Jewish Congress that forced action finally by the Democratic majority in the Council.



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Change the World

'Football Graft and Fascism Both Are the Kiddies of Big Business'

By Mike Gold

ABOUT THE TIME I was coming out of adolescence I can remember drinking beer at Tom Sharkey's saloon on 14 St. The heavyweight champion's place was located near Third Avenue, at the site and possibly in the same gray old building where the grab-and-eat "Academy Lunch," now operates its big meat-and-bean palace.

I remember seeing Tom Sharkey lounging at his bar, a short dignified powerful ex-sailor with ruddy face who seemed to have only two words of conversation, "Hello" and "Goodbye."



Tom had been a great-hearted battler in the ring and for that his numerous admirers, including myself, were proud to consume beer and whisky at his saloon.

So what's the moral? That boxing is a form of athletics which inevitably leads both fighter and fan to end his days in a lowdown saloon?

Saloon and gambling dive, and house of prostitution, prisons and law courts—why have American sports always been so intimately connected with American vice and corruption?

The current scandal in professional football has all the classic outline. First football was a healthy amateur sport, played by students in high schools and colleges. Then the college authorities smelled big money in these enormous crowds willing to pay millions of dollars to see the games.

So these same presidents who spout such noble, idealistic speeches at graduation exercises began to operate football teams like any Broadway grafters.

MOST COLLEGE football teams are now made up of semi-professional players, husky young lads who are paid off, not in straight wages, but in the form of snap jobs, board and room, expense money, etc.

They are working for peanuts, and should organize for a decent professional status and decent professional wages. . . . Now they are being exploited by a gang of collegiate racketeers. . . . It is a racket.

Football players, like prize fighters and other athletes, are the

chief victims of capitalist corruption that pervades sports under capitalism.

Prize fighters who get to own a saloon are the successful exceptions. What becomes of thousands of athletes burned out at thirty after having earned millions of dollars for the racketeers?

New York was a wide-open town in my youth, with every vice flourishing under the protection of Tammany Hall.

Is it so different today? The smell emanating from the football scandal has no sweeter odor than political garbage of yesteryear. Any New York male can lead you to a bookie joint, maybe on your own street corner.

IN THOSE far-off days when Tom Sharkey ran a saloon on 14th Street, the main source of civic graft was the whorehouse, of course.

Today's "daughters of joy" no longer walk the streets in visible armies. Graft from their degradation looks like peanuts today. The big money is no longer found in prostitution, gambling or sports. It comes out of the food, clothing and shelter of the people. The trusts that are stealing our bread and meat these days are worse than any pimp and are the fountain of all American corruption.

Lincoln Steffens was an authority in civic corruption. It is Big Business, he shows, that is responsible for corrupt government, and is the fountainhead of all graft.

The sports world will never be probed by honest investigators with official backing. The poison spreads too far and wide into the whole body of American capitalism. It would lead to an investigation of the capitalist system.

Big sports are big business. And American Big Business is tied up with the Nazi cartels, and now is restoring the Hitler industrial and military menace.

There can never be honest sports under capitalism any more than fascism can be rooted out while Big Business still operates the great and most dangerous racket of all.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"Ugh—what a horrible thought."

REACTION IN IRAN

- Suppression of Azerbaijan
- Anglo-U.S. Intervention

By James S. Allen

MILITARY SUPPRESSION of the democratic regime of Azerbaijan province has resulted in a serious but temporary setback for the popular upsurge against feudalism and imperialist exploitation in Iran.

No matter how much Anglo-American imperialists seek to explain these occurrences as a victory for "Iranian sovereignty" and as a defeat of "Soviet intervention," they cannot evade the central responsibility for the reactionary turn in Iran.

The Azerbaijanis sparked the gathering democratic revolution in imperialist-dominated and landlord-ridden Iran. During the brief period the new Azerbaijan regime was in power, it hardly had the opportunity to complete the basic reforms, which alone could consolidate the new democracy and give it the strength to resist the combined forces of Iranian reaction and its foreign consorts.

But even during this brief period, many large feudal estates were broken up, the big landowners were ejected from local political power, long overdue government reforms were carried out, and the oppressed Azerbaijanis began to breathe more freely.

In this new democratic atmosphere, Kurds within the province also moved forward, taking the first steps towards a Kurdish autonomy.

NEW HOPES were raised throughout Iran, among the poverty-stricken peasantry, the workers exploited without hindrance in imperialist enterprises, and the Iranian intellectuals and middle classes who at last saw an opportunity for creating a genuinely free and independent country.

New democratic organizations were formed, such as the Tudeh party and the trade unions, which expanded rapidly in many parts of the country and joined the World Federation of Trade Unions.

NOW TROOPS of the Central Iranian Government are busy demolishing the democratic achievements of Azerbaijan province. Hundreds of democrats have been killed in the streets of Tabriz, while leaders of the progressive regime have been forced to flee or have been imprisoned.

Elsewhere in Iran, a general witch-hunt against the Tudeh and the trade unions has begun. The ground is now set for a mock elections, which will assure Premier Ghassem and his imperialist friends control of the new Parliament, in the best traditions of

imperialism in the colonies.

This is the result of Anglo-American intervention, the real objective sought by Anglo-American diplomacy and intrigue. Behind fine phrases in the Security Council, in back of attacks upon the Soviet Union on this issue, was being prepared the onslaught upon democracy in Iran which has just unfolded.

ANGLO-AMERICAN sources try to create the impression that what has just occurred is the will of the Iranians themselves.

But last fall, the British organized a tribal revolt in Southern Iran, where the Anglo-Iranian oil concession is located. They concentrated troops at Basra, Iraq, a river's width from Iran. The tribal chieftains proclaimed as their objective the ousting of Tudeh members from the Teheran Cabinet, suppression of the trade unions, and military action against the Azerbaijan government.

After some preliminary skirmishes, a settlement was reached with Premier Ghassem. Immediately thereafter, the Tudeh members were ousted from the government. Suppression of progressive newspapers began, unionists and democrats were harassed—and the army prepared for the military campaign against Azerbaijan.

The American Ambassador at Teheran was not to be outdone by the British. He assured the Premier he would have the complete backing of the United States in sending his troops "wherever he pleased."

In the midst of the unprecedented colonial upheaval in Asia and the Middle East, Iran cannot remain passive for long behind the iron curtain of Anglo-American imperialism. The Iranian people in the past have returned to the fight for democracy more than once. This time it will not take very long.

WORTH REPEATING

"Big business spokesmen are pointing out that although the unions said a year ago that price increases need not follow wage increases, prices did in fact increase greatly over the course of the past year. This is their 'proof' that wage increases force price increases. That is like arguing that robbery is just and necessary because robberies occur. . . . The last quarterly report of OPA, issued only a few weeks ago, showed that for every dollar paid out in wage increases, big business demanded \$10 of the public in price increases." From an editorial in the CIO Electrical Workers' UE News, Dec. 21, 1946.

— Press Roundup —

Poland Will Get No Aid, Comfort From 'Times'

THE TIMES is angry with the Polish government because it won't buckle down to wishes of the U.S.-Britain expansionists, and calls for ostracization of the democratic republic by the State Department. " . . . The American and British governments would only stultify themselves and violate their own obligation to the Polish people if they gave the least aid or comfort to the present Polish regime," the Times says. The line seems to be, if you can't bribe them, isolate them. The Times' use of the term "present Polish regime" seems to represent wishful thinking.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM has another reason to oppose wage increases for workers: " . . . the corporations are really tax collectors for Uncle Sam. Of each \$5 gross profit a corporation earns by selling its products, it must pay the U.S. Treasury nearly \$2 in corporate income taxes—\$2 that otherwise, it might have shared with its customers through lower prices, its employees through higher wages, and its stockholders through larger dividends." So, if workers get more money, the Telly reasons, it cuts the corporations' profits, and therefore, the income taxes. So, if you'll just lean back and relax, prices will come down, wages will go up, and dividends will boom. A touching argument, but it seems hardly convincing.

THE SUN can't avoid the possibility of a "bust" coming up. "If, on one hand, the enormity of the debt . . . does not overstimulate business into an inflationary cycle of boom or bust, or if, on the other hand, it is not going to prove so onerous that the burden will depress living standards, eventually pauperizing the country with resultant demands for repudiation . . . then it is clear that wise fiscal policies for several generations must immediately be adopted at Washington," the Sun says. Its vague solution, though, is that something should be done to our "weak financial policy."

PM'S Saul K. Padover calls for recognition that the world is headed for socialism, with or without the help of the United States. It's not clear whether he likes the idea, but he says, " . . . we can meet the global tendency halfway and try to work out . . . a golden mean between our values and their values, between political freedom and guaranteed material necessities. Perhaps we should begin with this formula at home first."

THE DAILY NEWS, in summing up 1946, wonders "Was It Worth It?" It blames strikes, strikes and strikes for lack of "all manner of consumer goods." The News doesn't mention high prices, nor need for higher wages to meet them, nor manufacturers' "sit-downs" for inflationary prices.

THE DAILY MIRROR endorses Christmas.



Rocket Ship: First flight of an American rocket plane, flown secretly by test pilot Harry Crosby at the Muroc Air Base, Cal., last July, is shown here. At top Crosby is shown standing "through" the plane's nose. Center, the ship is airborne. Below are John W. Meyers (left) another test pilot, and John K. Northrop, "Flying Wing" designer.

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Poland or Spain?

THE notorious "Polish Colonels" headed by Joseph Beck who ruled Poland with an iron hand had hoped that they could be useful to Germany as a vestibule toward the Soviet Union. They lived only for the day when they would be joined with the German armies against Russia. That day never came.

Instead, Russian armies stopped the advancing Nazi hordes, and kept them from over-running that betrayed land. With the aid of the Red Army, Polish democracy arose from the ashes of ruined Poland and became an ally of the anti-Fascist powers. The dream of a mercenary and enslaved Poland acting as the hired errand boy of world Fascism was shattered.

Poland was thus saved from the fate of Spain which lost its democracy, at the hands of a gang of fascists waving, as usual, the banners of "anti-communism."

Today, the new Polish democracy is one of the leaders in the fight for America and Britain to stop coddling Franco fascism. In so doing, it is asking for trouble. And it is getting it.

POLAND'S courage in forcing the issue of Spanish fascism out into the open has now resulted in London and Washington protesting against its allegedly "undemocratic" elections.

No doubt, London and Washington would prefer to see in Poland the kind of "democracy" that prevails today in Greece where a hated pro-fascist monarchy is being rammed down Greece's throat by British bayonets.

It has remained for the New York Times to put courageous, democratic Poland in the same category as fascist Spain.

The Times, sore that world opinion has smoked out our official coddling of Spanish fascism, is now demanding that America treat Poland as another Spain, and deprive the new democracy of all aid.

Here is a political hypocrisy of a rare kind.

In Poland, the landlords, anti-Semites, and feudal reactionaries are on the way out. In Spain, they are the bosses, backed by terrorism, with the aid of German Nazis who fled there.

In urging the diplomatic bullying of Polish democracy, the Times is extending aid to the dying remnants of Polish fascism. It is demonstrating that it would like to see a Franco-ized Poland. It is, in fact, stating its preference for the ally of the Axis as against the victim of the Axis.

Of what interest is it to the American people that the old, feudal, pro-Nazi landlords and anti-Semites shall be encouraged by the USA in Poland? Their only platform is preparation for a war against the Soviet Union in which they would like see America take the leading part. They tried to play that game with Germany and failed. Now they are counting on Washington and Wall Street.

American democratic forces should rejoice in the rise of the new Polish democracy. For with democracy strong in Poland, it puts an end to the hopes of German and Spanish fascism for "another chance." It makes another war that much more remote.

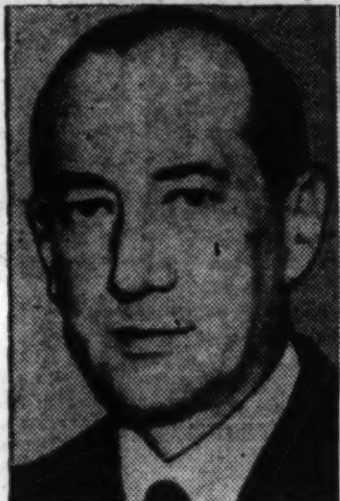
How About Riesel's Record?

THE Post's Victor Riesel has gone whining to the FBI for protection against our columnist Barnard Rubin, who tossed a barb at Riesel the other week.

In his column Saturday, Riesel pleaded for a witch-hunt against progressives formerly in editorial positions on Stars and Stripes.

It takes terrific gall for a man who was agitating against labor's no-strike pledge during the war, to demand investigation of the war record of a man who handled a machine gun against the Japanese on Leyte.

Liberals will take note that the columns of the "liberal" Post are being used to demand new Palmer raids and "Dies" investigations



JOSEPH BECK

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Letters From Our Readers

Number 1 Reading Matter on the List

Sullivan, Ind.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The DW and Worker are number one on my reading list because they give facts regarding the evil and unscrupulous capitalist-fascist conspiracy against the workers all over the world.

All the Worker writers are outstanding, but my two favorite features are Mike Gold's column, "Change the World" and Royden's "Pestbrook Wigler" cartoons.

N. HARRIS

On Jerome's Answer to Luce's Distortion

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Cheers for the letter by V. J. Jerome, answering Claire Booth Luce's distortion of Marxist theory on the family and family relationships.

It served to stifle some of the jabbering that our red-baiting reactionaries hand out to the American people each day.

Not all our comrades have time enough to devote to the study of the basis principals on which our Party is founded and I believe that it would be helpful if the Daily Worker ran a daily feature explaining simply some aspect of Communist theory. Especially, subjects pertinent to current situations.

NATALIE BRAVERMAN

Credit Where Credit's Due

Forest Hills, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I don't care for the political policies of newspaper PM. But when columnist Barnard Rubin gave generous credit to that newspaper for initiating the campaign to save Sydenham Hospital, I felt great pride in the DW and additional warmth toward it.

Incidentally, I think Rubin's column is swell and should bring many more readers.

B. HORNER

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

THEY LOVE THE NAM

By George Morris

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC Federation, chief inspirer of red-baiting and disruption in the ranks of labor, has extended its love and cooperation to the National Association of Manufacturers. The S.D.F. did it openly and made no bones about it.

A front page editorial in the Dec. 14 New Leader, organ of the S.D.F., greets the recent NAM convention as "Liberal." The association of Big Business is praised for being "eager to restrain the Republican hot-heads in Congress" and their anti-labor program; for its spirit of "internationalism" and for its demand of "investigation of Communist activity."

This political organ of Dave Dubinsky's "Socialists," emphasizes that "The NAM now does not urge an all-out war against labor" and, in fact, the "industrial leaders gathered in conference were obviously concerned lest the reactionary Republican politicians launch a fight to the death against labor."

Having thus seen the earnestness in the eyes of our captains of industry, the editorial says:

"THE NEW LEADER welcomes the signs of a compromising and cooperative spirit among the 16,000 manufacturers who were represented."

Daily Worker readers will not be startled by the above. We have often pointed out that Social Democracy is the handmaiden of the Trusts. What is important now is the openness of their policy. This, as we predicted months ago, was bound to follow from the AFL's Chicago convention, which went all-out for support of an imperialist aggression policy abroad and speed-up of production in place of wages raises.

Part of the same pattern of tying labor to the kite of "the Trusts," was the statement of Charles MacGowan, president of the Boilermakers, a cornerstone union of the AFL's reactionary bureaucracy. MacGowan is dissatisfied because his associates in the AFL's leadership are not knuckling down fast enough to Big Business's demand that labor hang up the white flag.

He says that some laws to "regulate" labor will have to be agreed to. We can rest assured that MacGowan doesn't mean such "regulations" for his union as might

require dropping of anti-Negro bans or allowing a wee bit of democracy to peer into it.

STILL A THIRD major component of the red-baiter's camp is the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists. I have just finished reading "Spot Light on Labor Unions," by Father William J. Smith, a principal ideologist of the ACTU and director of the Crown Heights training school for "activists." The ACTU pattern Smith unfolds, essentially clerical fascism, corresponds in every major respect with the pattern of the Green-Dubinsky-Woll combination.

In fact, Smith suggests that the "unsponsored" unions of the CIO enter the AFL and leave the "communist" unions "isolated on their own."

The ACTU, like the Social Democrats, sees employers going "liberal" and urges that struggle give way to labor-management councils through which employers and workers as equal children of God, would agree on everything. As his model, Smith takes the profit-sharing and speed-up scheme in the plants of former Chamber of Commerce head Eric Johnston.

ALL THOSE PROPOSALS to do business with reaction are stimulated in the first place by the hysterical anti-labor attacks now sweeping the country. Leaders of the AFL, social democracy and ACTU, far from resisting these attacks, hope to capitalize upon them and prove themselves useful to Big Business.

Even such symptoms of right opportunism as have revealed themselves in the progressive camp are signs of fear and of submission to these reactionary attacks — attempts to circumvent struggle. But they're all on the losing side because the garbage pail of history is full of substitutes for struggle and opportunistic conciliation with such schemes.

We Communists carried the ball practically alone back in the twenties when the same AFL and social-democratic fakers told the world that the class struggle was cancelled. Who was right?

We're not alone today. A substantial section of the labor movement refuses to wander off into pipe dreams when hard cash to meet an ever-mounting family budget is the issue.



UAW Santa: Vice-president R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO, plays Santa to children of strikers at the Allis-Chalmers plant in Milwaukee, Wis. Three theatres were used for his appearances and some 7,500 persons attended.

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT HAILS U. S. JEWISH UNIONISTS

A rousing reception was given trade union delegates from the American Jewish Labor Council by the Hungarian Parliament, the Labor Council here announced yesterday.

A cable from Budapest said that, on the delegates arrival, Speaker of Parliament Bela Varga, leader of the Small Landowners Party, and Steven Kosa, Socialist general sec-

retary of the Hungarian trade unions, received delegates at a luncheon in the private parliamentary chambers.

Following the luncheon, the speaker interrupted the session of Parliament to greet the delegates from the rostrum. Socialists, Communists and representatives of other parties gave the delegation a standing ovation.

The message, which was cabled by Joseph Winogradsky, vice-president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, and Harold Goldstein, business agent of the Furriers Joint Council of New York, also announced \$2,000 was donated in the name of the American Jewish Labor Council for relief and rehabilitation in Jewish communities in Hungary.

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AFL Miners Ask Labor Unity

Special to the Daily Worker

SHARON, Va., Dec. 24.—United Mine Workers, Local 1661 of this area, passed a resolution urging CIO - AFL - Railroad Brotherhood unity against reaction.

Noting that all three major divisions of the labor movement backed the miners' fight against injunctions, the resolution called upon all unions to "join forces cooperatively to insist collectively on a basic wage policy for all industries and fight together with all their combined power against court injunctions."

The local is the latest of an increasing number in the UMW that are voicing support for CIO President Philip Murray's unity proposal.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Homestead's large Local 1397, United Steelworkers of America, went on record unanimously for full support to CIO President Philip Murray's call for all-inclusive labor unity in defense of labor's rights.

The local which has 9,000 members, also decided to set up a Labor Unity Committee.

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The second in a series of informal discussions on political issues of the day will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday at 2744 Broadway, the Unity Center of the Communist Party announced yesterday.

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VENEZUELA CP's FIRST CONGRESS

A Party Comes of Age

By Joseph Starobin

CARACAS (By Mail).—Venezuelan Communists have had a hard row to hoe: since its inception in 1924, the party was illegal and fiercely persecuted by the dictator Gomez and then his successor, Lopez Contreras. The first steps toward legality were made under Gen. Medina in the late '30s and the early '40s. But hundreds of its best workers were killed and an equal number went into exile. And when legality was won, there was the long factional fight.

So it was something in Venezuela when this first Congress opened here on Nov. 28, after seven months of careful preparation. I came in on the tail end of the sessions. I found scores of delegates sleeping on little cots in the party headquarters on the south side of Caracas. They had spent six days in this convention, and they had come from almost every one of Venezuela's 19 states and the federal district.

It was a public convention. On almost every street corner were immense signs in two colors announcing the final rally for Wednesday night, Dec. 4, at the Nuevo Circo, an open air stadium which seats about 14,000. All over the walls of Caracas, incidentally, you could see the election campaign they conducted here on Oct. 27th, the first free elections in Venezuelan history, during which the party polled 52,000 votes, and elected its two leading figures—Juan Fuenmayor and Gustavo Machado to the constituent assembly.

FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS

And here are some figures on the congress itself. All in all, 248 delegates attended, of whom 42 percent were workers, 24 percent peasants, some 26 percent students and office workers and the balance professionals.

The average age was 30, and almost all the delegates were men—only 15 women. The majority of the delegates had been in the party for about five and a half years. All told, they had spent 29,694 days in jail for their beliefs and activity.

Little more than one out of every two delegates was a trade union member, and out of the whole congress 30 percent were in leading positions in their unions. I was told by Gustavo Machado, and also by the oil workers leader, Jesus Faria, that the party is strongest in the major oil state of Zulia in which Lake Maracaibo is situated.

Incidentally, there are some 16,000 to 20,000 Communists in a land of only four million people, which would mean that to equal them in our country we must build a party of at least 625,000.

BUILT FROM THE BOTTOM

I got a world of other statistics, ranging from the number of delegates married to the proportion that came from the localities in which they were born. Very interesting is the fact that only 13 percent of the delegates were national leaders; the bulk of them—some 60 percent were state and local leaders. It was, in other words, a congress built from the bottom up.

They are going places here, but they know that they can't reach their goals without us "norteamericanos." They want to know how many steel workers, oil workers, auto workers, and farmers we have in our party. Because they figure—and they are right—that unless we have a powerful Communist movement at home neither they nor we are going to solve the immense tasks before us.

Note to the Editor: They started their weekly, El Popular, a

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few months ago and they circulate 18,000 copies and could equal 30,000 if they had the paper. That would mean in our country, a circulation of more than 600,000 for the Sunday Worker. There is a tabloid in Caracas called Ultimas Noticias, under CP editorship, which sells 20,000 a day. The leading paper of national circulation is El Nacional, whose managing editor is the able and well-known Communist, Miguel Otero Silva. It sells 30,000 a day. Miguel Otero also edits a weekly satirical tabloid, Morrocoy Azul, anywhere from 50,000 to 55,000 copies. These are all the largest publications in the country.



MRS. DOROTHY HENN

QUADRUPLETS INCREASE VET HOUSING SHORTAGE

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—The 28-year-old British war bride of a twice-wounded ex-army sergeant who likes to brag he "never worries" last night gave birth to quadruplets—three boys and a girl.

Doctors at St. Agnes hospital said the mother—Mrs. Charles Henn of Catonsville, Md.—and the four infants are "doing fine."

The mother, who came to this country only last March, is the former Dorothy Geast of Edmonston, London. Her 28-year-old husband, a lanky, slow-speaking Irishman, is a bookbinder for a Baltimore stationery firm.

The couple have one other child, one-year old John, and in anticipation of another blessed event, had spent their \$500 savings to furnish a small, three-room apartment in Baltimore.

Last month, when they discovered

they might become parents of quadruplets, they had just \$30 in the bank.

At present Henn and his bride live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henn, Sr. The elder Henn is a butcher.

Doctors said the birth was an "unexceptionally normal and painless" one. The babies were unusually heavy for quadruplets.

The first was born at 6:45 p.m. and the last—the girl—at 7:40 p.m.

It was the first case of multiple birth in either family.

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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

SPORTS PAGES are distinctive parts of our newspapers, but they ARE parts of our newspapers. And you know our newspapers.

Which is by way of saying that it seems from here that some of the local sheets are running a little wild as an aftermath of the recent attempted football fix. Here's the way it works: A sports editor on let us say one of our afternoon papers will look over the list of the day's prospective stories, shake his head with dissatisfaction and say, "Let's get a new angle on this Paris business. Anyone got an idea?" Someone will say, "I got it! How about the way the odds dropped and rose just before the Taylor-Fusari fight?"

"Good—good, that's what I mean," says the editor, "And wasn't that the fight where the referee knocked down one of the boys at the end of the round when he didn't hear the bell? Let's get up a story on that. I can sell 'em on page one."

And so an "angle" is born and people who never saw a prize fight in their lives, let alone the Taylor-Fusari fight, will read the paper and sagely remark to anyone who will listen, "It's what I always say—all those fights are fixed. It's all a racket."

Now I'm not particularly attacking sports writers. I suppose it might be hard for them to keep from becoming infected with the easy irresponsibility of news sections which feel free to slander a man like Marcantonio at will. I wouldn't know—I don't work for that kind of paper myself.

About That Fight

As for the Taylor-Fusari "angle"—for those who may be unfamiliar with the fight and the fighters: Fusari was the logical favorite, clearly the better fighter, with an unbeaten record, and he knocked out Taylor, a game journeyman scrapper with no such record. Just to round out the story, Fusari is a handsome 20-year-old who was an all round star in his Irvington, New Jersey, high school, and half of the little Newark suburb came over for his Garden debut. Taylor is a lad from Coalport, Pa., who had a taste of the mines and being handy with his fists decided it might be easier to make a living in the ring than under the ground, a moot point. All this may be irrelevant but we like to get it in because "fighters" are human beings too, and they're the guys these "angle" stories are about.

Fusari battered Taylor helpless in the sixth round of a bruising fight in which blood was splattered onto a few first row scribes. Dead game to the core, Taylor refused to go down under the beating, but was too helpless to get off his stool after the minute's rest between rounds. As for the referee part, Fusari, who is partially deaf, didn't hear the bell at the end of the fourth and didn't happen to be in position to see the red light on the ringposts which signal rounds end. Referee Harry Ebbets, a big man, pulled him away from Taylor and caught off balance, Fusari fell.

So bringing this fight into the fix picture wasn't even a good phony angle as phony angles go. The better fighter won clearly as expected. As for the odds gyrating before the fight, this is hardly something new in the world of bookmaking, with its lowering as money comes in on the favorite, hedging to meet all possibilities and general maneuvering to meet the bookies' convenience.

Cheap Basketball Talk

Then somebody else reads another paper and asks significantly, "Say, how come City College didn't freeze the ball against Bowling Green when they were 12 points ahead with three minutes to go? Eh?" The one who asked just didn't know any better, but the newspaper that threw the point into the pot of its Paris story did. At best, even if it weren't completely and palpably a ridiculous charge to anyone who knows basketball—a team well ahead has absolutely no reason to hold the ball and not try to score more points—this is the type of irresponsible chatter which is completely unfair to a group of young athletes. The one who puts it into print is beneath contempt.

Now it's time to say that we're not trying here to minimize in any way the very real dangers of corruption in a setup that finds big gambling syndicates operating around the sports world and looking for sure things. We've heard of the Black Sox and the Brooklyn College thing and we weren't born yesterday. We wouldn't be stunned if one of the Giant players didn't emerge from the Paris deal in the clear—nor would we immediately therefore start saying that all pro football players are probably dishonest. Any more than we would attack the honesty of all the workers on a strike because one of them rattled for big scam money. This last is not as far fetched as it might sound. Professional athletes, like musicians or actors, are people working for a living at the thing they can do best.

There's a kind of corrupt over-all cynicism peddled by some of the papers which delight in saying with their phony worldliness, "The more things change the more they are the same—it's the same old story." What they're trying to sell is the idea that whatever is wrong is wrong because people themselves are basically no good and can't change.

There's plenty wrong in and around the sports world, goodness knows. Let those interested in correcting these evils get after the big gambling syndicates, not promiscuously spread baseless innuendos about athletes.

Readers Pick Army-NB, Jackie

Sports Contest Editor:

My idea is the Notre Dame-Army scoreless tie. Army has the backfield with Davis, Blanchard and Tucker. But Notre Dame has the line with Strohmeyer, Connors, Martin and Czarski.

But Notre Dame's quarterback, Lujack, is something the Army can worry about. He's the T-master who once played halfback and who may make All-American, which is good enough.

The two coaches are Leahy and Blaik. Since Blaik has been coach he never beat Notre Dame when Leahy was coaching the Irish.

At the start of the game, Army

got very close to a touchdown but the fighting Irish held them. Later on, Notre Dame, from their own 13-yard line went to the Army four-yard line. Tucker went for the biggest gain for 31 yards at the half, but Lujack saved the day and tackled him. Tucker caught three of Notre Dame's passes. Then Blanchard went for 21 yards and once again Lujack came and tackled him. Brenneman did most of the running and caught some nice passes.

It wasn't one of those 59-0 and 48-0 games this year. And, since Leahy is back, Notre Dame has won all their games and tied one.

And that scoreless tie game with

Army, I think, was the best sports event of the year.

RONALD JORANKO,
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Sports Contest Editor:

To me, the greatest sports event of the entire year was the playing ability of a guy named Jackie Robinson. This Negro lad proved that, if given a chance in organized baseball, his race can accomplish as much as any other. Here was the opportunity he was waiting for. The heat was on. And what did this guy do?

Well, first he proved that he could handle any position on the

field. Yes, from second base to shortstop, and he handled them both like the big-leaguer that he is. He also led the league in hitting, three-baggers, and, on top of that, he's an expert in the art of stolen bases.

Yes sir, when and if the boys should come up to me and say, Charlie, who'd you think has done the best job in sports, well I'll just have to say: "You sure have got to give that guy Robinson a good deal of credit."

P.S.—His manager thinks he's a sure shot for the Dodgers next season.

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16 Labor Hoop Teams Primed for Tourney

ROUND ROBIN IN JANUARY

Comes the New Year and 16 teams are rarin' to go in the Labor Hoop tourney starting the second week of January. The first half of the tournament, sponsored by the Labor Sports Federation, will be a round-robin affair with every team meeting every other club. This round-robin business is a good idea, for, unlike an elimination setup, it means that no team will be knocked out of competition simply with its first defeat. Instead, every team entered will play the same amount of games and the final standings, of course, will determine the top teams.

The games will be played at the Seward Park and Central Needle Trades High School gyms, and season tickets for the 62 contests can be bought for the sum total of \$1—one dollar, that's right.

There will be a second-half tourney for latecomer entries. But here's a look-see at the teams already set for the round-robin play. The Furriers, the Fur Dressers and Dyers, the Fur Floor Boys of Local 125, the Shoe Workers, American Youth for Democracy, Local 430 of

the UE, Local 65, the International Workers Order has a team entered, the Post Office Clerks, Local 10—plus Local 251 in Brooklyn belonging to the same union, the UOPWA, Local 140 of the Furniture Workers, the Transport Workers Union, the Department Store Workers and Local 25 of the UAW.

Teams already touted as the big guns in the tourney are the Fur Dyers and Dressers, the Shoe Workers and the AYD—just to name a few.

But, just like the college basketball scene, you can look for plenty of upsets here.

The season spectator tix can be bought at your union offices, or at the headquarters of the Labor Sports Federation, 101 Henry St., Brooklyn.

"THE POLICEMAN":



That's what fight fans are calling Tommy Bell, who gave Ray Robinson the fight of his life. Having come so close to being the new welter champ, Bell is now the man other top-flight welters will have to meet before asking a title shot at Robinson. "I'll fight any welter around," Tommy told the Daily Worker. "And if the middleweights are looking for a fight I'll meet them, too."

The 'Daily' Roundup:

40 Gs for Stan? Cuban Strike

STAN MUSIAL, who won everything winnable in the National League except the home run title, is reported asking \$40,000 for his signature to a 1947 contract—AND let's it be known that that's just half of what he has been offered by brother Pasquel to come down Mexico way. . . .

TOMAS DE LA CRUZ, former Cincinnati pitcher, led a fifteen minute player strike at Havana's new Stadium in protest against the owners' refusal to consider demands of the Cuban Winter League players. The strike won some of the points raised by the newly formed union, including a pay rise of 40 percent to players getting under \$500 monthly, a minimum salary and a Players Day in which all receipts will go the players' fund.

SATCHEL PAIGE, great Negro pitching star, is expected to join the Almendares team in the Cuban league for the coming season.

JOE DI MAGGIO, who failed to hit 300 for the first time in his career this summer, is heading for Arkansas where he will take the hot baths and climb the mountains in an attempt to regain his best prewar physical condition.

THREE BROKEN NOSES adorned the Yankee-Brown game, beating the record of the Giants and Bears. Those who proboscises were battered in the fierce playoff game

at Cleveland were Sanders, Cheatham and Sweiger, so Cleveland won all around.

KEPT OFF the record till season's end, the story of dissension on the Yankee team broke wide open yesterday. The boys don't like Coach Ray Flaherty and don't seem too fond of owner Topping either. Ace Parker has already quit. Perry Schwartz and others say 50 percent of the gridders don't want to come back under the same setup. The boys say they were generally treated like dirt.

THE WEST COAST is hot on the basketball court this year, men! USC knocked off Northwestern, one of the Big 9 contenders, Washington bumped defending Big 9 champs Ohio State, California split a pair with the Whiz Kids of Illinois, and UCLA is reported loaded with talent, including Dave Minor, Negro star who did his prewar playing with Toledo. USC and UCLA play here next week, meeting NYU and LIU in one of the most attractive twin bills of the Garden schedule.

AND TALKING of the Garden schedule, how come the game between Manhattan and Dartmouth,

both beaten, got the feature spot over NYU vs. Oregon, both unbeaten and clearly the better attraction? Should we guess? Could it be a little kowtowing to Dartmouth, an "Ivy" school, for deigning to honor the Garden floor with its presence? Not important but interesting. . . . RODNEY.

BILL MC KECHNIE is the one who recommended the buying of catcher Al Lopez to the Cleveland Indians. Long an admirer of brainy old Al's receiving, Bill told Lou Boudreau that "he may mean the pennant with his handling of pitchers." Bill, incidentally, will take over on the handling of pitchers, his specialty over the years of successful managing in the National League, while Boudreau will run the team generally.

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BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS



Jacky (Clyde Colombo) shows Dan (Chips Rafferty) the direction they must take to get their cattle safely away from the Japanese in a scene from *THE OVERLANDERS*, Australian film at the Rialto.

'Overlanders' an Exciting Film Saga

In 1942, with the invasion of Australia by the Japanese expected almost hourly, the Australian government issued orders to sear the earth in the path expected to be taken by the hated invaders. Homes and possessions were to be burned by the farmers, cattle were to be killed, and everything else that might be of use to the Japanese army was to be destroyed.

But there were some cattlemen living in the vast Northern territory, stretching over 550,000 square miles, with a population of only 5,000, who courageously decided to risk moving their previous herds of cattle to safety across the partial wasteland rather than shoot them.

It is the story of one such intrepid band of cattlemen and women, and farmers, that is movingly told in *The Overlanders*. Filmed in the natural settings of Northern Australia where the events dramatized in the film took place, and employing a cast made up mostly of native Australians who never faced a camera before, *The Overlanders* has been released here at the Rialto where it is currently having its world premiere.

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When the order "to scorch the earth like the Russians did" is received by cattle drover, Dan McAlpine (Chips Rafferty) he begs his boss to allow him to lead his herd of prime steer to safety across the treacherous terrain. He is told it would be impossible. But undaunted he gathers a group of volunteers together and the long march afoot and on horseback, travelling at a rate of about ten miles a day, is begun. They are joined by a family of four, a man, a woman, and an older and younger girl, who having destroyed their home and farm, are welcomed to throw their lot in with the cattlemen.

As the dangers to the lives of both man and animal are faced one after the other by these plain men and women of the soil, and unfolded in the film, *The Overlanders* takes on an epic quality and each member of the brave band becomes a hero in his own right. The trek across the Australian wasteland, a land voyage of two thousand miles, takes eight months and is achieved with the same determination and spirit which marked the migrations of our own early pioneers in their march to the West.

There are exciting and tense scenes of fording a river, swarming with crocodiles, with 1,500 head of frightened cattle and horses; or the breaking up of a stampede which

threatens the loss of the entire herd; of forcing the cattle, used to level land, up a steep and narrow mountain path to find water; of trying to hold the thirst-crazed cattle back from drinking the water dry when a small brook is found, and the final, climactic scene of the end of the long march with only fifty head of cattle lost.

There is human drama, too, in *The Overlanders*, as well as humor, and romance between the older girl (Daphne Campbell) and the youngest male member of the band (Peter Pagan). In the band also are two Negroes who share the dangers and heroisms of their friends with simple equality and total absence of any feelings of differences.

All the characters in *The Overlanders* are warm and simple people totally unconscious of heroism in their race against time and nature. The older girl rides a horse and herds cattle as well as the men. Even her younger sister is given her share of responsibility.

DOCUMENTARY TRUTH

In its realism, and its reenacting of events which actually took place *The Overlanders* frequently takes on the aspect of a documentary film. But this adds, rather than detracts, from its worth. The portions that resemble a documentary film give breadth and natural qualities which make the picture absorbing and exciting to watch. And the story, told against these natural backgrounds, is made the more believable for the selection of characters who are not actors but people who for the most part lived through the events depicted and in the places where they occurred.

Altogether, *The Overlanders* is a worthwhile movie experience, and a significant one.

A. D.

Mystery Story Workshop Course

Dashiell Hammett, author of the current radio shows *Thin Man* and *The Adventures of Sam Spade*, will teach a course on "Writing the Mystery Story" at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 16 St. and Avenue of the Americas, during the Winter term, beginning Jan. 14. The course, to be conducted as a workshop, is designed for both those who have worked in the mystery story field and for beginners.

Music in Review

By Murray Chase

People's Songs has come of age as a producer of smoothly-run, interesting shows in its most recent *Midnight Specials*.

The Calypso at Midnight "invasion" of Town Hall last Saturday featured Gerald Clark, the Duke of Iron, Lord Invader and Macbeth the Great.

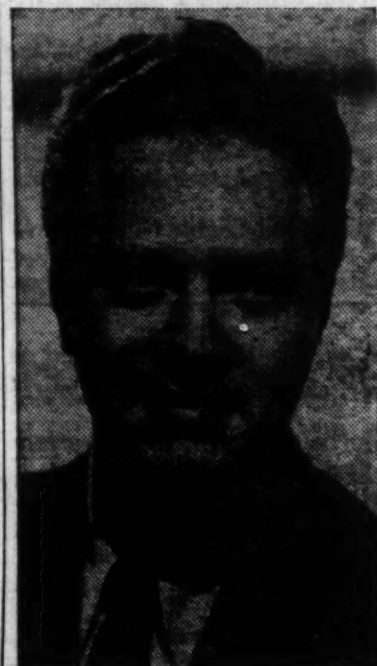
The improvisations and familiar songs of these Calypsonians made many topical and philosophical references which delighted the audience. There was the response of quick, hearty laughter, as quickly hushed lest further witticisms be obscured. There was the appreciative applause for specially witty lines, and the attentive silence, smiles frozen, as the capacity audience and standees listened for the barbed phrase.

It has never been more noticeable that the first laughter and applause comes from the uppermost reaches of the balcony. The immediacy of this response proved, among other things, that the microphone system was working specially well, and that these singers are masters of the sung word, easily heard and quickly understood.

Strings At Midnight, last week, provided a fresh and stimulating presentation of "the native instrumental folk art of the United States." Peter Seeger and Carlos Montoya, the two artists presented, were eminently qualified to do this job. Pete's banjo and Montoya's guitar were accorded the starring role for the evening and the artists, each in his own way, played people's music which had all the solid, down-to-earth goodness which honest feelings and skillful performance can provide.

Tall, slender and boyish Pete and the urbane, slight Montoya made interesting contrast. Pete stood or sat, head thrown back, hands striking or caressing the strings of his shiny banjo; Montoya hunched over his guitar, in the manner of a man sighting along a rifle barrel, seemingly listening for every whispered sound.

The tone of the People's Songs' affairs was beautifully illustrated by the young couple who probably set a Town Hall precedent by munching hot dogs while waiting for the concert to start.



Alfred Drake, formerly with "Oklahoma," has a leading role in the Duke Ellington-John La Touche musical show "Beggars Holiday" opening at the Broadway Theatre, Thursday, Dec. 26.

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'Unity' Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Twenty years ago three workers stood on a hill in Dutchess County peering at ground that sloped down into a lake. Only a few kerosine lighted tents crouched in the

slope of the hill. They breathed deeply of the good clean air that washed away the coal smoke and dust of industrial New York City. They knew this was the place for their worker's camp—dedicated to a policy of low cost vacations where the best of progressive culture could be had.

They named the camp—Unity—for they were conscious of the worker's need of unity to fulfill his aspirations. They named it unity for its doors were opened to all peoples. They invited and worked hard to make Unity the social and cultural center for Negroes, whites, yellows—for all peoples to come together to dance, play and talk.

Progressive theatre and dance were developed. Whitman Cantata, Ballad for Uncle Sam, Ballad for Abe Lincoln, National Minorities, Moscow Metro were written and produced for the first time at Camp Unity. Earl Robinson, Dean Dixon and George Kleinsinger made their

debut at Camp Unity.

The Twentieth Anniversary of Camp Unity will be celebrated at the Golden Gate Ballroom with a Reunion Dance Saturday, Jan. 11, with all proceeds going to the George Washington Carver School which provides education for low income Negro and white people in the Harlem community.

Dinah Washington, one of America's leading blues singers who recently appeared at the Apollo with Eddie Vinson will head a list of guest artists which will include: Ralph Cooper, Leon Collins of G-ings of Dancing, Tina Dixon, Bombshell of the Blues, Milton "Mezz" Mezz-Fow, author of *Really the Blues*, Sammy Price, Josephine Premice, Kenneth Spencer, F. J. Sidney, Duke of Iron, Warren Evans of "Baby, Don't You Cry" fame, Canada Lee, Dr. Max Yergan, Councilman Ben Davis, Anne Lewis, Laura Duncan, Al Moss and others.

RADIO

EVENING

WNBC—Kenneth Banghart, News
WOR—George C. Putnam, News
WJZ—News; Klerman's Corner
WCBS—News; Harry Marble
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15—WNBC—Serenade to America
WOR—Bob Elson, Interviews
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WCBS—You and Alcohol—Talk
6:35—WQXR—Here, There in New York
6:30—WOR—News—Fred Vandewater
WJZ—Allen Prescott—Talk
WCBS—Sports—Red Barber
WMCA—Racing Results
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:40—WNBC—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45—WNBC—Lowell Thomas, News
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Lawrence and Marley
WCBS—Robert Trout, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00—WNBC—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr., Comments
WJZ—Headline Edition
WCBS—Mystery of the Week
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Celebrity Hall
7:15—WNBC—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Elmer Davis, News
WCBS—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
7:30—WNBC—Hollywood Theatre
WOR—Arthur Hale
WJZ—Boston Blackie—Play
WCBS—American Melody Hour
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Record Rarities
7:45—WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Fashions in Melody
WHN—J. Steel
8:00—WNBC—Valley Show
WOR—Michael Shayne—Sketch

WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WCBS—Big Town—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15—WJZ—John Paris, Songs
WMCA—Christmas in Tokyo
8:30—WNBC—A Date With Judy—Comedy
WOR—The Falcon—Sketch
WJZ—The O'Neills—Play
WCBS—Mel Blanc Show
WMCA—The Nativity—Play
8:55—WCBS—Bill Henry, News
9:00—WNBC—Amos 'n' Andy
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Echoes of New York
WCBS—Vox Pop Show
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Concert Hall
9:15—WOR—Real Stories
WMCA—Christmas in Korea
9:30—WNBC—Pibber McGee and Molly
WOR—Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra
WJZ—Play—Miracle of a Bum
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey Show
WMCA—New World A-Coming
WQXR—Dickens' A Christmas Carol
10:00—WNBC—Bob Hope Show
WJZ—Christmas Party, With Bing Crosby, Henry Morgan, Others
WCBS—Play—The Greatest Gift
WMCA—News; Christmas Music
WQXR—News; Recorded Album
10:30—WNBC—Red Skelton Show
WOR—The Symphonette
WCBS—Apollo Boys' Choir
WMCA—Christmas in Germany
WQXR—Just Music
11:00—WNBC—WOR—News
WCBS—News; Music
WMCA—News; Band Box
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30—WNBC—Fred Waring Orchestra
WOR—Christmas Serenade
WJZ—Christmas Music
WCBS—E. Power Biggs, Organ
WMCA—St. Patrick's Cathedral Carol Service
11:35—WOR—Christmas Music
11:57—WNBC—Helen Traubel, Soprano

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Evict Legless Man 2 Days Before Xmas



Four-year-old Patricia "Paddy" Opirsky, a neighbor of 52-year-old Joseph Herbsman, had to give him her Christmas card on the street.
—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

By Harold Mehling

"... and on earth peace, good will toward men."—St. Luke, 2:14.

When I left Joseph Herbsman yesterday, Christmas was 36 hours away, the temperature was 40 degrees above zero and falling, and he was sitting in his wheelchair in front of 22 First Ave., one hour after being evicted. He couldn't stand up because he doesn't have any legs. He didn't have a place to go, either.

Fifty-two-year-old Joseph Herbsman was able to move out of his two-room apartment for the first time in three and a half years yesterday, but only because a city marshal was pushing his wheelchair down the six stone steps into the outside world.

HAD JOB TO DO
The marshal, David Leef, had a job to do. He had a court order in his hand and it said to get Joseph Herbsman out of the ground-floor apartment at 22 First Ave. because that was the way the law had decided it.

The court order didn't say anything about Joseph Herbsman's two stumps, all that was left of the two legs he was born with. Nor did it mention that he doesn't have a mother, father, sister, brother, or any other living relative, nor

any place to go.

It just said to get him out of there.

Because—now this may be hard to believe—the owner of the building, Joseph Maneri, is going to renovate the building and run a funeral parlor there. If Joseph Herbsman should be the first customer, well, that's what we're in business for.

\$48.55 A MONTH

Twenty-five years ago, Herbsman was a chauffeur, and he was working on an auto, and a wheel fell on him, and gangrene set in one of his legs. They had to amputate it. Later, they had to take away the other limb.

The city's Welfare Department gives him \$48.55 a month to live on—but, in the 18 months since Joseph Maneri began to squeeze the tenants of 22 First Ave. out of their homes, it hasn't gotten Joseph Herbsman a suitable apartment.

On the way home last night, the temperature had fallen further, it was getting closer to Christmas, and I kept wondering if Joseph Herbsman's belongings were still sitting on the sidewalk at 22 First Ave.

And I wondered if he had found, in New York City, in the United States of America, a place to sleep.

DA Quizzes Giant Players, Owner

The District Attorney's office looked like the New York football Giants' dressing room today as the owner, coach and two backfield stars of the club filed in and out for questioning in connection with the alleged attempt to fix the team's championship game with the

Taft Attacks Labor's Wage Demand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A Republican triumvirate led by Sen. Robert A. Taft tonight attacked the CIO's demand for a 25 percent wage boost. Taft declared that labor and the country as a whole would benefit more from lower prices and increased production than from a second round of wage hikes. Senators Joseph H. Ball of Minn. and H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey joined Taft in the attack.

The three Republican Senators said they had a fistful of labor legislation proposals under consideration, including restrictions on the closed shop, compulsory arbitration, limitations on industry-wide bargaining, and curbs on secondary boycotts.

U. S. Frees Million "Little Nazis" as Xmas Gift

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The United States in a sweeping Christmas gesture to Germany has decided to "forgive" about 1,000,000 "little Nazis" in the American occupation zone, a reliable source said tonight.

Chicago Bears. Steve Owen, coach, and Jack Mara, one of the owners of the Giants, spent an hour with Assistant District Attorney George Monaghan. Merle Hapes, fullback, and Frank Filchock, star passer, were called in later.

None of the parties concerned had any comment on the sessions, but it was probable Monaghan was making last-minute preparations for his case against Alvin J. Paris.

Paris was scheduled to go on trial today, but William V. Breslin, associate defense counsel, planned to ask subpoenas for witnesses from Illinois, Pennsylvania and California—a move which would further delay the action.



by BARNARD RUBIN

PETTY STUFF: A CONTEMPORARY OF OURS—a chap who works for the Daily Mirror—Walter Winchell—must be running short of legmen. The unimportant item he rattled off in typical staccato and hysterical fashion on his last Sunday night broadcast, was a direct steal from this column of last Wednesday, Dec. 18. It was about Louis B. Mayer's purchase of a fabulously expensive Australian horse. Remember? ... And WW was the one who greeted this column with a crack that we'd be using HIS rejects! ...

Midtown Chatter: Republican Pictures, King of the Bs, went all out on one of its productions and started to spend money like mad advertising it in the trade journals. First, it exhausted all the common adjectives like "stupendous," "colossal," etc. Then it really waxed feverish and wound up with the awe-inspiring claim that the picture is not only all that—but what's more—is "PRETENTIOUS!" ...

The role of Mr. O'Malley in the show Barnaby and O'Malley (based on PM's appealing comic strip) will be played by David Burns, now appearing in Oklahoma. RKO will extend its financial support and Jerome Chodorov will direct. ...

Protests brewing among educational groups over planned use of commercially sponsored films for school system. ...

A new musical, The Temporary Mrs. Smith, after two unsuccessful out-of-town tryouts by Vinton Freedley, will be brought to Broadway by Jules Leventhal. Show was written by two actresses—Beatrice Cole and Jacqueline Susan. Jacqueline, who just had a baby boy named Guy, is married to Irv Mansfield, a producer. (With a name like that the kid'll be a natural as a Shakespearean actor.) ...

National Broadcasting Company initiating a new policy with its young, promising but inexperienced actors. They work under staff directors on actual scripts in regular rehearsals—engineers and all. Plays, although not broadcast, are recorded and played back, thus giving the youngsters a chance at realistic radio training. ...

British cinema producers squawking because they can't get enough American technicolor cameras. They claim U. S. producers blocking sales, fearing British competition. ...

Newspaper Talk: News of the most important newspaper strike in recent years is being almost completely buried by most journals here—I refer to the Newspaper Guild strike against J. David Stern's Philadelphia Record. Strike has many sensational features which a truly free press would play front page or extensive coverage daily.

In Philly the strikers couldn't get their side of the story in any of the town's newspapers—even paid ads were rejected. But the Bulletin printed a full page ad by publisher Stern. Men who work on the Bulletin told me that Stern wasn't charged a penny for it.

The same iron curtain clanged down on the city's radio stations. Station WEAU there was bought by Stern for \$6,000,000. But in order to do that he borrowed \$4,500,000 from Southern bankers (liberals no doubt). He had to give the Levy Bros., former owners of the station, stock and directorship in his Record.

Influence of Levy Bros. made a farce out of Stern's claim that he runs an "independent liberal" newspaper.

Record previously had hopped on the ex-CI cab drivers' bandwagon in their fight against Yellow Cab, Philly's taxi monopoly. After joining hands with the Levy Bros., Stern issued orders to his editorial writers to lay off the cab situation.

Levy Bros. own 2/3 of Yellow Cab stock.

Meanwhile, strikers are putting out their own paper "The Real Record," using Stern's masthead. Editions run to 500,000 copies and feature straight exclusive news that other papers would give their eye teeth for.

Stern had hired goons to beat up the strikers, but one day an executive of the rival Philadelphia Inquirer was beaten up by mistake. The iron curtain was so solid that no paper published the incident—not even the Inquirer. The free press. ...

You may have heard this before but it's still a nice tickle: Nunnally Johnson, co-author with George S. Kaufman of the current On Park Avenue, has been sending out Christmas cards stamped, "Merry Christmas to everybody in the world—except Brooks Atkinson." ...

As for us—to all those working for a better world: Merry Christmas! ...



NATIONAL SCENE

Colorado Senator Hits Forced Training

IN WASHINGTON last night, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, (D-Colo.) said he would fight against legislating America's youth into compulsory military service.

THE BIRMINGHAM Industrial Council passed a resolution Saturday demanding Sen. Hill of Alabama vote against seating of Bilbo in the 80th Congress.

EUGENE TALMADGE was buried yesterday in Macrae, Ga. Ten thousand witnessed the event, UP

reported.

THE NATIONAL security committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars asked President Truman yesterday to permit naval officers to testify publicly and freely against the administration's proposed merger of the army and navy.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN received more than 500 White House employees in his office yesterday for an informal reception and Yuletide handshake.